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Docket No.: 13761 US3 (C038435/0174681)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Yasuhiro FURUICHI *et al.*

Serial No.: 10/763,933

Filed: January 23, 2004

For: **BIOTIN BIOSYNTHETIC GENES**

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Examiner: C. Fronda

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New York, New York
April 4, 2005

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING AMENDMENT
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box. 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on December 2, 2004, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply. A one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before April 4, 2005, because April 2, 2005 fell on a Saturday. 37 CFR §§ 1.7, 1.8, and 1.136. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time. Please charge any required extension-of-time fees not otherwise paid by check to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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Amendment Dated: April 4, 2005
Reply to Office Action Dated: December 2, 2004

Please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION begin on page 3 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 8 of this paper.